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1. The Nefty Baza Oil Depot was in Saratov (51°34'N/46°02'E), Saratov Oblast, on the right bank of the Volga River. \* Part of the filtering installations and some boilers had been destroyed during the war but the damages had been repaired in 1945.
2. The depot had 30 to 40 gray-colored oil tanks, about 20 meters in diameter and 15 to 20 meters high. Some of the tanks were interconnected by pipes. The depot's filtering plant which covered an area of about 150 x 100 meters, consisted of several buildings attached to one another. Motor vehicle columns of the Soviet Army and tank trains were fueled in this plant. Oil was also put into tank cars and lubricants into barrels. The filtering plant had spur tracks and a long loading ramp.
3. The mechanical workshops of the Nefty Baza Oil Depot consisted of a locksmith's shop, latheshop, forge and carpentry. Also on the plant grounds there was a lumber yard where timber shipments were unloaded from Volga boats and shipped by rail to sawmills in the town. Power was supplied through high-tension lines from the municipal power plant. \*\*

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\* Comment. The depot described in the report must be the large tank depot on the Volga River known from German wartime records.

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